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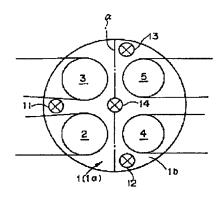
(54) COMBUSTION CONTROLLER OF ENGINE

(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To reduce the torque shock when the number of ignition plug to be actuated is changed without much increase of the load in the control system.

CONSTITUTION: One central ignition plug 14 which is stopped to run in a specified stopping area is arranged around the center of a combustion chamber and three peripheral ignition plugs 11-13 are arranged to be always actuated at the outer peripheral part of the combustion chamber. When the central ignition plug 14 is changed over from the suspended state to the actuated state, the ignition time is all at once changed and at the same time the air-fuel ratio and the fuel injection time are changed at a stroke besides. The ignition time stored in a map is set as a delayed angle than a requested ignition time so as to reduce the torque shock at the time of changing-over. For another instance, only the ignition time of the peripheral ignition plugs is moderated on changing over the central ignition plug or the ignition time of the central ignition plug can be moderated by regarding the moderated ignition time of the peripheral ignition plugs as an aimed figure.

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(vgl. Anlage)

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TRANSLATION OF THE OFFICIAL LETTER

Drafting Date: July 5, 2007 Dispatch Date: July 11, 2007

The invention according to Claims 1 - 7 cannot be patented in accordance with the provision of Article 29(2) of the Patent Law, since it is obvious on the basis of the disclosure of the following prior publications:

(Citations:)

- 1. JP Pat. Appln. Discl. No. 10-227239
- 2. JP Pat. Appln. Discl. No. 07-071356

(Examiner's Note:)

Concerning Claims 1 - 4, 7:

Citations 1 & 2

Citation 1 states that several fuel injection configurations are provided, a control map is set so that the engine control values are discontinued in the boundary of the injection configurations, and when the operating conditions are located near the boundary of the injection configuration, the engine control values are determined based on the grid points within the injection configuration area to which the operating conditions belong.

Citation 2 states that when several maps are provided, the determination of the control values based on a map is made by the extrapolation from the control values stored in other maps.

Concerning Claims 5, 6:

Citations 1 & 2

It is a well-known art before filing of the present application that a map for fuel control is set based on the load and speed.

(Citations:)

(1) JP Pat. Appln. Discl. No. 10-227239 - August 25, 1998
Patent Application No. 9-29130 - February 13, 1997
Priority: None

Applicant: Mazda K.K., Hiroshima, Japan

Title: Engine control device

(Cited in the International Search Report.)

(See the corresponding EP 0,859,141.)

(2) JP Pat. Appln. Discl. No. 7-71356 - March 14, 1995
Patent Application No. 5-239130 - August 31, 1993
Priority: None

Applicant: Mazda K.K., Hiroshima, Japan

Title: Combustion controller of engine

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